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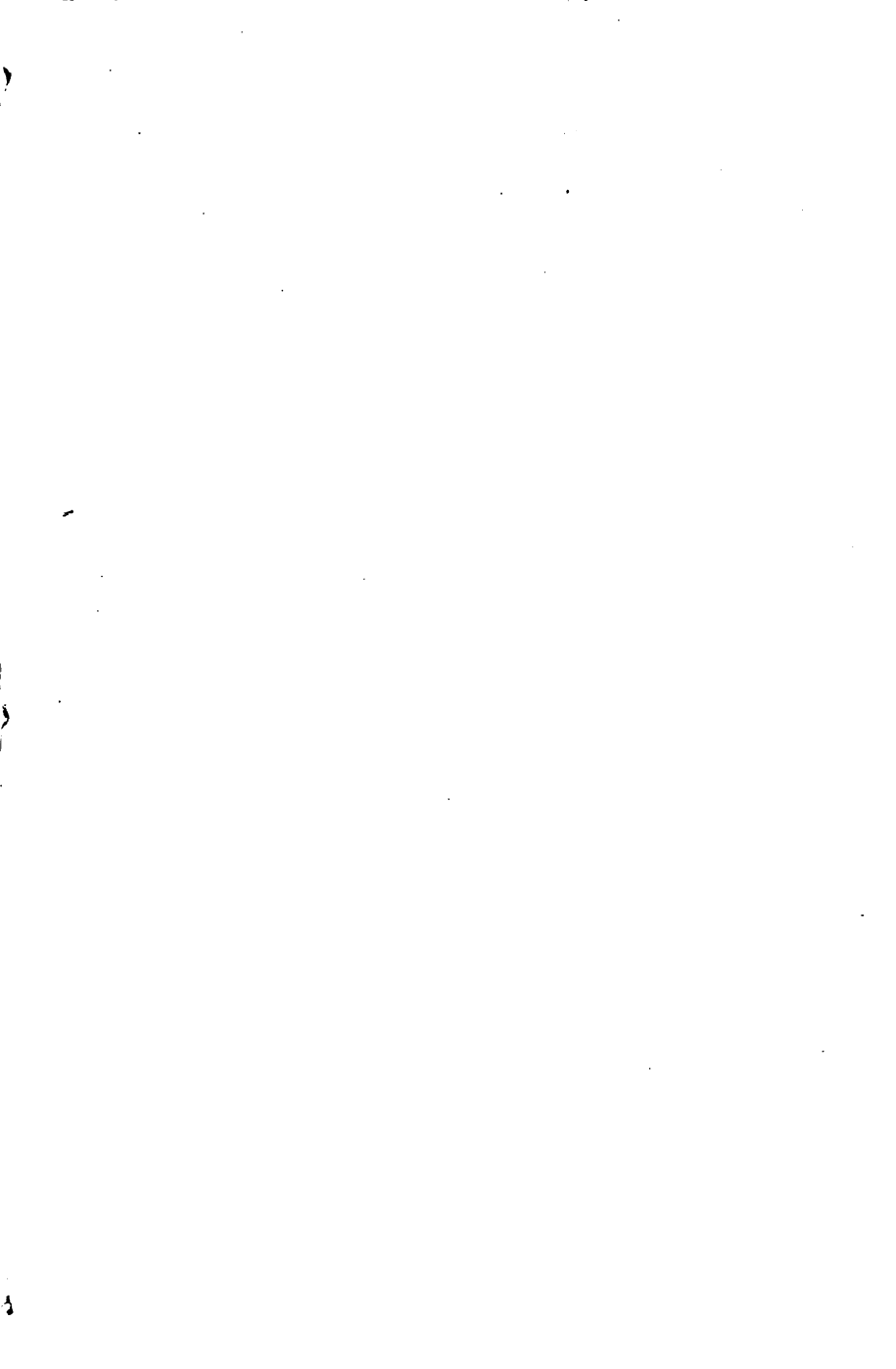
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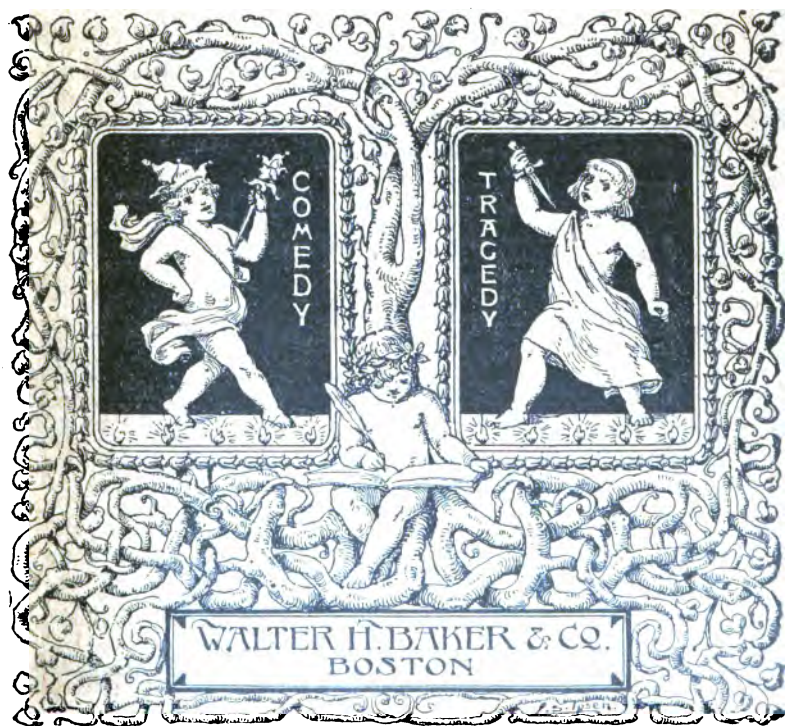


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The Man From Brandon

SCENE.—MISS JANET's *sitting-room* ; *time—afternoon*. BERE-NICE and BERTHA *seated*, BERTHA *embroidering*, BERENICE *reading a letter*.

BERENICE. O Bert, Dan is coming to-day.

BERTHA. Is he really?

BERE. Yes, and he's going to bring a friend with him. It's Phil Lester, the college football captain.

BERT. Do you know him?

BERE. No, I never saw him, except on the football field. They say he's just lovely. But Bert, what shall we do for dinner?

BERT. The new cook should be here soon, shouldn't she?

BERE. Yes, but if anything should happen, and ; besides, you know, the new cook is a man.

BERT. O so you said. I had forgotten. When is Dan to be expected?

BERE. He says to expect him for lunch, but then, nobody can ever tell when to expect Dan. He may be early or he may be hours late.

BERT. We can manage the lunch all right.

BERE. Yes, but I do hope the cook will arrive in time to prepare dinner. It's just like Dan to bring a stranger home with him at the worst possible time, but I suppose we must make the best of it, so here goes for lunch. (*Rises.*)

BERT. All right. We'll make the best showing we can. (*Folds embroidery.*)

Enter MISS JANET, C.

BERE. O Aunt Janet, Dan is coming home to-day, and he is going to bring a friend with him. What shall we do for dinner?

MISS JANET. Never fear, dear, Peter has gone to the station for the cook. I expect him any minute, but I am afraid you girls will be obliged to prepare lunch.

BERE. O we can do that all right. It was only the dinner that bothered us. Come on, Bert.

[*Exit, R., followed by BERT.*]

MISS J. O dear, how things are turning out! I thought to-day would be the best day possible to have Dr. Decker run out, and now it seems as if everybody else were coming too. I must guard against possible mistakes. (*Goes to door, c., and calls.*) Anne!

Enter ANNE, R.

ANNE. Yes, ma'am.

MISS J. Anne, Mr. Decker, the veterinary surgeon, is coming here to-day to examine my poor little Fido. He is expected at any time, and, when he comes, no person but myself is to know that he is here. Do you understand?

ANNE. Yes, ma'am. When will the old geezer get here?

MISS J. Anne! The idea of referring to a gentleman as an old geezer!

ANNE. Beg pardon, ma'am.

MISS J. As soon as Peter returns with the new cook, send him back to the station for Dr. Decker. You must receive the doctor when he comes, and be sure that nobody else knows that he is here. You know, Berenice thinks that I am making a great deal of unnecessary fuss over my poor little doggie. Be sure and let me know when the doctor arrives.

ANNE. Yes, ma'am, I'll keep the lid on him.

MISS J. You'll do what?

ANNE. I mean I'll see that nobody butts in.

MISS J. Anne, I do wish that you'd be a little more careful of your language, your slang is perfectly shocking.

ANNE. Yes, ma'am.

[*Exit, R.*]

MISS J. I do hope that things will go all right. Berenice thinks it foolish of me to call in a specialist for my little Fido. The idea! As if the poor little doggy woggy didn't need one just as much as a human. Well, I must get the little darling ready to see the doctor.

[*Exit, R.*]

Enter ANNE, C., followed by PHIL, carrying a suit-case.

ANNE. Wait here, please, while I see if the mistress wishes to see you before you commence work.

PHIL. Before I commence work!

ANNE. Yes, you are to begin at once. You see, the young

master is coming home to-day and is bringing a friend with him, so it will be necessary for you to cook the dinner.

PHIL (*aside*). Cook the dinner! What the deuce is the matter with her? I never cooked a thing in my life. (*Aloud.*) I am afraid I don't understand you, you see I'm from Brandon —

ANNE. Yes, you used to be cook there. (*Aside.*) Gee, ain't he a lala! (*Enter BERE., C.*) The new cook, ma'am.

BERE. O I'm glad you've come. Anne will show you your room, and you can assume your duties as soon as you can get ready.

PHIL. Yes, but you see, I'm from Brandon —

BERE. Yes, I know. My brother hired you. He said you were an exceptionally fine cook.

PHIL (*aside*). The deuce he did. I'd like to know what kind of a joint I've got into.

BERE. Anne, show him his room.

ANNE. Yes, ma'am.

[*Exit, R., followed by PHIL with suit-case.*]

BERE. There, that's off my mind. Now we shall have no trouble about dinner. (*Enter BERT., C.*) The new cook has arrived.

BERT. Yes, I saw him. He doesn't look like a servant, much less like a cook.

BERE. I noticed that, but Dan said he was well educated. I expected to see a much older man, though.

BERT. Yes, he looks hardly older than Dan.

Enter PHIL, C.

PHIL. Excuse me, ladies, but I'm from Brandon —

BERE. Yes, I know all about it. (*Goes to door, L.*) This is the kitchen. Everything is in readiness, but if you fail to find anything, ask Anne. I think the first thing you had better do is to baste the turkey.

PHIL (*aside*). Baste the turkey! I wonder what in thunder he's got to be basted for.

BERE. We will leave you now. Be sure and baste the turkey.

[*Exit, C., followed by BERT.*]

PHIL. Well, what in the name of Cæsar's ghost is the matter with every one here? Dan sent me on ahead and told me to tell his aunt that he'd be here later. Then that coachman met me at the station and said that he'd been sent to meet me. I wonder how he knew I was coming alone? He couldn't.

Where am I, anyway? They seem to have an idea that I'm a cook, although I can't see where they get it. Well, Phil, old boy, it will be something to tell when you get back to the college, and, while you are waiting to find out who you are, you might as well baste that turkey, if you can find him.

[*Exit, R.*

Enter ANNE, C.

ANNE. My gracious, that new cook is strange. He just asked me to show him where the cellar was, said he wanted the wood-pile. He must be daffy.

Enter DECKER, C. He stops and gazes about room, then crosses slowly to ANNE.

DECKER. Ah—er—can you tell me where I can find Miss Penn?

ANNE (*turns quickly. Aside*). He must be the old sport Miss Janet expects. (*Aloud.*) You mean Miss Spencer, sir, not Miss Penn.

DECK. O well, is she in?

ANNE. I think she is, sir. Please wait until I see. (*Aside.*) He's no beaut.

[*Exit, C.*

DECK. (*sits down*). Strange. (*Takes letter from pocket and opens it.*) Yes, there it is. Penn. I was sure of it. P-e-double-n certainly don't spell Spencer. Well, perhaps she was flurried and signed the wrong name. I wonder what sort of a man it is that I am expected to take back to the hospital. The letter said he was violent, but then, people often have the idea that a patient is violent when it is not by any means the case.

Enter ANNE, C.

ANNE. Miss Spencer will be down in a few moments, sir, and she wishes that if any member of the family comes along you will please not say as how your name is Decker.

DECK. Certainly, if she wishes it. It is often the case that the patient can be more easily handled, if he does not know that he is attended by a man of my profession.

ANNE (*aside*). Lor'! How he talks! As if his name would make any difference to a dog. (*Aloud.*) You will please wait here for Miss Spencer, sir.

DECK. Certainly. (*Exit ANNE, C.*) This house seems

very orderly for one containing a man of the type that I should judge the patient to be. Hello, here comes somebody. Perhaps it is my man. (*Rises. Enter PHIL, c., carrying large cudgel.*) Great Scot, it's he all right. (*Advances to meet PHIL.*) My dear friend. (*Extends hand.*) So glad to see you.

PHIL (*aside*). He's got 'em, too. (*Aloud.*) Ah, pleased to meet you.

DECK. (*aside*). He seems rational enough. (*Aloud.*) That's quite a club you have there, my friend.

PHIL. Yes, ain't that a peach? I found it down cellar. Wouldn't it be just the cheese in a cane rush, though?

DECK. (*aside*). Ah, he's been to college. Sad case, poor young fellow. (*Aloud.*) It certainly would. What are you going to do with it?

PHIL. I'm going to baste the turkey, if I can find him.

DECK. (*aside*). That's a strange idea. (*Aloud.*) Why are you going to do that?

PHIL (*aside*). This old cuss has too much curiosity to suit me. He's worse than a geometry test. (*Aloud.*) My orders, sir.

(*Makes move to pass DECK., who gets in front of him and stops him.*)

DECK. My dear sir, you really should not carry that thing about. You may hurt somebody; give it to me.

(*Lays hand on club.*)

PHIL (*jerks it away*). My dear sir, you really should not order this thing (*points to himself*) about. You may get hurt, get out of my way. (*Pushes DECK. aside.*) [*Exit, L.*

DECK. (*gazes after him*). Well, from that, I should judge that I've quite an extensive job on my hands. I wonder what person has the most influence over him.

Enter MISS J., c. DECK. takes card from pocket and holds it toward MISS J., who fails to see it. DECK. drops hand, but still holds card.

MISS J. Is this Dr. Decker?

DECK. At your service. (*Bows.*)

MISS J. Of course, you know why I summoned you.

DECK. Yes, you stated the reason in your letter.

MISS J. Yes, I wrote you all his symptoms. What would you think of the case from them?

DECK. Well, from your letter, I thought the case a mild one, but, since seeing the patient, I have come to the conclusion that it is extremely complicated.

MISS J. (*surprised*). Since seeing the patient!

DECK. Yes, I just met him and had a few words with him.

MISS J. (*aside*). Had a few words with him! Why this man must be crazy.

DECK. He had a rather strange fancy—thought he had been told to baste the turkey.

MISS J. (*aside*). This man certainly is crazy. I am afraid of him. (*Aloud.*) You think that you can cure him all right?

DECK. In time, yes. But he must be left completely in my care.

MISS J. (*aside*). As if I'd allow my poor little Fido to be placed in his care, but I suppose I must humor him. (*Aloud.*) My dear doctor, I give you full charge. I will leave you now, and you may carry out the matter as you think best.

DECK. Thank you, madame. I will do so.

MISS J. I wish you good luck. [*Exit, C.*]

DECK. Now I must find that man at once, or he may do some harm. He went out here somewhere; I will follow him. (*Drops card on table.*) [*Exit, L.*]

Enter ANNE, R.

ANNE. I wonder where the old geezer's gone. Miss Janet must have taken him off somewhere.

Enter PHIL, C.

PHIL. Say, where the deuce is the turkey?

ANNE. Why, I suppose it's in the oven. Where else would it be?

PHIL. Well, why didn't they say so? Here I've been chasing all over the joint to get a baste at him, and he's been in the oven all the time.

ANNE (*aside*). My land, he must be looney!

PHIL. Would you take him out of the oven before you basted him or would you let him have it just as he is?

ANNE. What on earth are you spiling about?

PHIL. Why, that blooming old turkey. They told me to baste him, and I merely wanted to know how to go about it.

ANNE (*aside*). He must be bughouse. (*Aloud.*) Do it just as you please. [*Exit, c.*]

PHIL (*looks after her*). What kind of a ranch is this, anyhow? I wonder if everybody's daffy but me. (*Sees card on table, picks it up and reads.*) Jeremiah Decker, M. D., Kirby Insane Hospital. (*Speaks.*) O Lord, I thought so. Well, now I'm here, I suppose it's up to me to act as looney as the rest of 'em. (*Enter DECK., L.*) Ah, here comes the Lord High Muck-a-Muck, himself. I'll see what I can do for him.

DECK. There's my man. (*Crosses in front of PHIL.*) Did you find the turkey, my friend?

PHIL (*aside*). I suppose it's impossible to make him believe I'm not daffy, so I'll give him a good one, while I'm about it. (*Aloud.*) O yes, I found him picking electric currents off a whiffle-tree. (*Aside.*) I wonder how that suits him.

DECK. (*aside*). Poor fellow, he is in a bad way. (*Aloud.*) Wouldn't you like to take a trip with me?

PHIL. Take a trip with you? No, sir, excuse me.

(*Starts toward door, c.*)

DECK. O here. But you must.

PHIL (*stops and crosses to DECK.*). O I must, must I? And why, pray tell? Do you intend to force me?

DECK. (*aside*). I wonder if he's going to be violent. Well, I must risk it. (*Aloud.*) Yes, if I have to.

PHIL (*takes DECK. by the neck*). Why, you measly specimens of the genus homo, if you were to touch me, I'd wring your neck. Just like that, see? (*Twists DECK.'s neck.*) Now, sir, think twice, no, think several times, before you attempt to play funny with this chicken. There has been so much funny business played on me to-day, that I'm dangerous. (*Walks toward door, L.*) Understand? Dangerous.

[*Exit, L.*]
DECK. (*feels neck*). I guess he is, all right. I wish the deuce they'd sent somebody else on this job. I must find the old lady and see if she can do anything with him.

[*Exit, c.; bumps into ANNE entering.*]

ANNE. My goodness, what a crazy gazabo!

(*Looks after DECK.*)

Enter PHIL, L. Creeps up to ANNE and pats her on the shoulder, then jumps back and waves arms.

PHIL. Tag, you're it.

ANNE (*screams*). Go way from me! Go way.

(Runs out C., followed by PHIL.)

Enter BERE., R.

BERE. What can be the cause of all this commotion?

Enter DECK, C.

DECK. Excuse me, lady. Have you seen him?

BERE. Seen him! Seen who?

DECK. Why, the patient.

BERE. (*aside*). The patient! Who can he mean? (*Aloud.*) What patient do you refer to?

DECK. Why, the young man who is mentally unbalanced, you know.

BERE. (*aside*). Who on earth can this man be? I never saw him before. (*Aloud.*) I don't understand you.

DECK. (*aside*). Probably it has been kept a secret. I will say no more about it. (*Aloud.*) Never mind. May I see Miss Spencer?

BERE. I will see.

[*Exit, C.*

DECK. (*walks about stage*). Peculiar spot, this, yet very pleasant. I hope that I will be able to get the patient away without causing undue commotion.

Enter PHIL., C.

PHIL. Confound that old duck. Can't I get away from him?

DECK. (*turns about*). O it's you.

PHIL (*crossly*). Yes, it's me. (*Crosses to DECK.*)

DECK. (*puts hand on PHIL's shoulder*). Will you be ready to start on the next train?

PHIL (*knocks off DECK's hand*). How many times have I got to tell you to keep your hands off me, you bat-eared, wall-eyed son of a star-fish? I tell you now, once and for all, that I don't travel anywhere in your company. You know the way to the depot; to get there in time for the next train, you'll have to hike. (*Points to door, C.*) There's the door. (*Seizes DECK. by the neck.*) Now hike! (*Flings DECK. out, C., and*

comes to the front of stage.) Unless I get out of this place pretty soon, I'm afraid that something will drop.

Enter MISS J., R.

MISS J. Dear me, where's Dr. Decker?

PHIL. O he left very suddenly. (*Aside.*) She's a new one.

MISS J. (*aside*). This must be the new cook. (*Aloud.*) Will you get me a kettle of hot water?

PHIL. Certainly. (*Aside.*) I wonder if she's got rats in her garret, too.

(*Goes toward door, L.*)

MISS J. Please let me know when the water is hot.

PHIL. Yes'm. [*Exit, L.*]

MISS J. That doctor desires to see me. I wish he would go away. I really believe that he is insane.

Enter ANNE, C.

ANNE (*comes forward*). Miss Janet, I'm goin' to give notice right here and now, unless that new cook stops chasing me.

MISS J. Why, what do you mean? Are you crazy?

ANNE. No'm, but he is. Ugh!

PHIL (*sticks head in door, L.*). Water's hot. (*Aside.*) I wonder what's up.

ANNE. O you miserable thing. (*Runs out, c.*)

PHIL (*aside*). Yep, that's me.

MISS J. Please bring it here.

PHIL. Yes'm. (*Disappears.*)

MISS J. He seems a real nice sort of a young man.

(*Goes toward door, c.*)

Enter PHIL, L., with kettle of hot water.

PHIL. Here it is.

MISS J. Follow me. I want you to give my little dog, Fido, a hot bath. [*Exit, c.*]

PHIL (*aside*). O I'll make a hot dog of Fido, all right. [*Exit, c.*]

Enter ANNE, R., with duster.

ANNE (*dusts room*). I don't see what's got into every one.

Enter BERT., C.

BERT. (*sits by table, picks up magazine*). O I'm so tired of this quiet life.

ANNE. Quiet life, is it? If you was me, you wouldn't call it a quiet life. What with that crazy doctor raving around and the new cook chasing me all over the house, it's no quiet life I has, I can tell you, miss.

BERT. New cook chasing you all over the house! Why, what do you mean?

ANNE. Just what I says, miss. He runs up and yells tag, or something every time he sees me.

BERT. Why, how funny.

ANNE. Funny, is it? If you was me, perhaps it wouldn't be so funny.

(Dog howls.)

BERT. Why, what was that?

ANNE. Oh, he's probably trying to be funny with Fido, now. I hope he is; the mistress will fire him sure.

Enter BERE., C. Dog howls.

BERE. What can be the matter with Fido?

(Enter PHIL, C., kettle of water in one hand and dog in the other. Exit ANNE, R.)

PHIL. Nothing much, he just naturally objects to bathing, that's all.

BERE. What are you going to do with him?

PHIL. Put him to soak.

BERE. Does aunty know it?

PHIL. O yes. She told me to bring him down gently and give him a bath.

BERT. Is that what you call gently?

PHIL. No, but it's as gently as the little Turk will consent to be handled.

BERE. Well, I suppose you want plenty of room.

PHIL. Not at all. I'll just take him down to the laundry and pitch him into one of the set tubs. [*Exit, L.*]

BERT. He doesn't seem a bit like a servant, does he?

BERE. He certainly doesn't. I wonder if Dan has known him long.

MISS J. (*outside*). Berenice, will you please come here a few minutes?

BERE. Coming, auntie.

[*Exit, c.*]

Enter DECK., R.

DECK. (*aside*). Ah, there's another member of the household, perhaps I shall succeed better with her. (*Aloud.*) Excuse me, miss, but can you tell me where I can find that young man?

BERT. (*aside*). This must be that crazy doctor Anne spoke about. (*Aloud.*) What young man do you refer to? The cook?

DECK. No. The young man who is mentally unbalanced. I have met him several times this afternoon.

BERT. (*rises ; aside*). He must be mentally unbalanced. (*Aloud.*) No, sir, I have not seen him. Please excuse me, I must leave you.

DECK. (*aside*). Everybody has left me before I have had a chance to find out a thing ; I must not lose this chance. (*Pushes BERT. back into chair and holds hand on her shoulder.*) Wait just a moment, please, I would like to ask you some questions. Don't be frightened, I mean you no harm.

BERT. (*aside*). This man is crazy ; I must get away from him. (*Aloud.*) Sir, take your hand off my shoulder at once.

Enter PHIL, L.

PHIL. Well, if there isn't old Jehu, again. I'll settle him this time. (*Crosses to DECK. and seizes him by coat collar.*) My friend, didn't I tell you to vaniose? (*DECK. turns quickly and attempts to seize PHIL.*) O no you don't. Right this way, my friend.

(*Runs DECK. off, L.*)

BERT. Well, I guess I'll go while I can.

[*Exit, c.*]

Enter ANNE, R., with duster.

ANNE. Things has been so quiet here for a few minutes that I expect trouble any time. (*Enter PHIL., pushing DECK. before him, water dripping from DECK.'s head.*) O Lor', I thought so.

(*All three run out, c.*)

Enter MISS J., R., *carrying towel.*

MISS J. The cook said that Fido was in the laundry. I must go down and care for the little dear. [*Exit, L.*]

Enter PHIL, R., *carrying suit-case.*

PHIL. By the suffering Moses, I've had enough of this joint. It's me to the good old college.

(Starts toward door, c.)

Enter BERE., C.

BERE. (*surprised*). Why, where are you going?

PHIL. Well, you see, I'm from Brandon and —

BERE. Yes, but my brother hired you to come down here.

PHIL (*aside*). He must have been drunk, or else I was.

BERE. Why have you your suit-case?

PHIL (*aside*). O there's no use trying to get out of this daffy house, I may as well play the con and stay here. (*Aloud.*) I was looking for my apron, but I can't seem to find it. I suppose I came off without it.

BERE. Very careless, I'm sure. I will get you one of Anne's.

PHIL. O no, you won't.

BERE. What?

PHIL. O—er—I mean, do so. Thank you very much.

BERE. (*aside*). What a strange man. [*Exit, c.*]

PHIL (*slams suit-case on table*). O what's the use? I'm here and I guess I've got to stay here, but I'll murder Dan Moulton for this. (*Sits.*)

Enter BERT., C., *with magazine, comes forward, sees* PHIL.

BERT. O Mr.—ah —

PHIL (*risés*). Lester.

BERT. (*aside*). Lester, how queer! (*Aloud.*) I am very much obliged to you for taking that strange man off.

PHIL (*bows*). Don't mention it. (*Aside.*) Evidently she don't know old Jehu, either.

BERT. Do you like the place here?

PHIL. Perfectly captivated. (*Aside.*) That's no joke either.

BERT. That's fine. Berenice has had such a hard time to find a cook.

PHIL (*aside*). I don't wonder.

Enter BERE., c., carrying long apron.

BERE. Here's your apron.

PHIL (*aside*). O Lord! (*Takes apron. Aloud.*) Thank you. How do you get into the thing?

BERT. (*laughs*). I'll show you. (*Takes apron and ties it about PHIL.*) There, now you look fine.

PHIL. Yes, perfectly stunning.

[*Exit, L., with suit-case.*

BERT. He doesn't seem a bit like a servant, does he?

BERE. He certainly doesn't.

Enter MISS J., L., with dog.

MISS J. Poor little doggie, he's sick again.

BERE. I'm sorry.

MISS J. I think I'll put him to bed. Will you please get his medicine, Berenice.

BERE. Shall I take it up-stairs?

MISS J. Yes, please. [*Exit, c.*

BERE. Well, I must play the nurse girl again. See you later, Bert.

BERT. (*rises*). O I'm going with you.

BERE. All right, come on. [*Exeunt, R.*

Enter DAN, c., carrying suit-case. He walks across stage, drops case by the table and sits down.

DAN. Well, here I am. I wonder where everybody else is. (*Takes pipe from pocket and starts to fill it.*) They've probably gone off somewhere with Phil. Wonder if the new cook's come. Pretty good idea of mine, to send to an employment bureau when I found I couldn't get the old college cook. (*Puts pipe in mouth, then throws it on the table.*) Confound this football! I keep forgetting that I can't smoke for a fortnight yet. (*Enter DECK., c., crosses to door, L. DAN, aside.*) That must be the new cook. (*Aloud.*) Hi there, Epicurus, what are you looking for?

DECK. (*turns about; aside*). Another one.

DAN. Well, confound it, can't you talk?

DECK. I was just looking for a gentleman.

DAN. Can't you find one?

DECK. I don't seem to be able.

DAN (*aside*). Complimentary old cuss.

DECK. (*aside*). I wonder who he is. (*Aloud.*) Are you a member of the family?

DAN (*aside*). Well, wouldn't that jar you! (*Aloud.*) No, I'm the star boarder. Who the deuce are you?

DECK. (*aside*). Miss Spencer doesn't want my name known. I will pass with him as one of the servants. (*Aloud.*) I'm the new—new ——

DAN. Cook?

DECK. Yes, cook. The new cook.

DAN. Ah! Well, cook, how long before dinner will be served? I'm hungry.

DECK. Very soon.

DAN. All right. (*Rises and picks up suit-case.*) I guess I'll hike up and take a wash. [*Exit, c.*]

DECK. Well, I played that little game rather neatly, but it may lead to trouble later on. (*Listens.*) Here comes that lunatic, I must get out. [*Exit, R.*]

Enter PHIL, L., face covered with soot and flour.

PHIL. Well, of all the confounded scrapes a fellow ever got into, this takes the bun. I'd like to know what kind of a deal I'm up against, anyway. Baste the turkey, get the dinner, wash the dog, holy smoke! And now they say bake some bread. If there are any reasonable people here, I'd like to be able to distinguish them from the batty ones, then, perhaps I could explain that my business is not along grub lines. (*Enter Miss J., c.; comes forward. PHIL, aside.*) O Lord! I wonder if there's something the matter with Fido again.

MISS J. Do you know where my nephew has gone?

PHIL. I haven't seen him.

MISS J. Why, he said that he'd been talking with you.

PHIL. O—er, I meant that I hadn't seen him lately. (*Aside.*) A fellow must be a prime liar to get along in this place, all right.

MISS J. Then you don't know where he went?

PHIL. No, madame, I haven't the least idea.

MISS J. Then I must look for him. [*Exit, c.*]

PHIL. Well, I've got out of that. (*Enter BERE., R.*) Here's another one. I guess I'll skidoo before she asks any unpleasant questions. [*Exit, L.*]

Enter DAN, c.

BERE. Why, Dan, I've been hunting the house over for you.

DAN. Same at this end.

BERE. Did Mr. Lester come?

DAN. Holy Moses, isn't he here?

BERE. Why, no, you said he was coming with you.

DAN. I know, but I was detained and sent him on ahead of me.

BERE. But he isn't here.

DAN. Great Cæsar!

BERE. Now what can have happened? I must tell Bert. [Exit, c.

[Exit, c.

(DECK. *appears at door R., and peeps in. Looks cautiously about and enters.*)

DECK. I wish this job was finished.

(*Enter PHIL, L., carrying large lump of dough and an immense square tin pan. Exit DECK., c.*)

PHIL. Bread! The blame stuff don't look like any bread that I ever ate. (*Puts pan on table.*) Now what'll I do? (*Fishes under apron and brings out cook-book. Reads.*) Knead into roll about a foot long and bake in large pan.

(*Twists bread into roll and throws it into pan.*)

Enter Miss J., c.

MISS J. Will you please bring a tub in here and fill it with water? My poor little doggie is sick again, and I want to give him a bath.

PHIL. Certainly. (*Aside.*) If that dog was mine, I'd wring his blame neck. [Exit, L.

MISS J. (*goes to door and calls.*) Anne!

ANNE. Yes'm.

MISS J. Bring some towels, please.

ANNE. Yes'm.

MISS J. Now I will get the poor little doggie ready.

[Exit, c.

Enter PHIL, L., with large wooden tub.

PHIL. This is better than making bread, anyhow.

(*Places tub in middle of stage.*)

Enter ANNE, C., with towels.

ANNE. I'll put these right by the tub.

(Enter PHIL, with two pails of water. Exit ANNE, C. PHIL pours water into tub. Exit L. Enter BERT. and BERE., C.)

BERE. Dan said that Phil Lester came on ahead of him. I don't understand it at all. *(Sits.)*

BERT. It is very strange. You don't suppose he could have gone to the wrong place, do you? *(Sits opposite.)*

Enter PHIL, L., with two pails of water. Empties them.

BERE. What is that for?

PHIL. Dear Fido. *[Exit, L.]*

Enter DECK., C.

DECK. Young ladies, I must have your help in securing that young man. He knows you, and will listen to you.

BERT. *(rises)*. That crazy man again!

DECK. No, lady, I am not crazy, but I really believe that everybody else here is. You must sit down.

(Pushes BERT. down; BERT. screams.)

Enter PHIL., L.

PHIL *(seizes DECK.)*. You progeny of a marine chef, I've told you to vamose for the last time. I'll settle you this trip.

(Picks DECK. up and sets him in the tub. DECK. shouts and struggles to rise, PHIL. pushes him back and, taking dough from pan, slaps it on DECK.'s head, then dances about flourishing his fists in DECK.'s face. DECK. sits still and watches him.)

Enter MISS J., C.

MISS J. What is the matter?

PHIL. I'm just convincing this gentleman by practical demonstrations that this region is unhealthy.

BERE. Who is he, Aunt Jane?

MISS J. Let him up instantly. *(PHIL. steps back but eyes DECK. threateningly.)* He is Dr. Decker, the veterinary surgeon. *(DECK. starts.)*

DECK. I beg pardon, madame. Decker, the veterinary, is my brother. I am Jeremiah Decker, M. D., of Kirby Insane Hospital, and I came down here at the request of Miss Spencer or Miss Penn, I am not sure which.

MISS J. Miss Penn lives three houses down. You were probably called for her brother.

PHIL. (*aside*). Well, I'll be jiggered. (*Aloud.*) I beg your pardon, Mr. Decker, I see you are in the same fix that I am.

MISS J. Why, what do you mean?

PHIL. I came from Brandon, but not with the intention of becoming a cook. My name is —

Enter DAN, C. *Sees* PHIL.

DAN. Phil Lester! Holy Cæsar!

(*Drops on sofa, laughing.*)

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DICK, }

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MRS. WATSON, *a gentle person.*

LUCILE PERSONS.

MARIE, }
JANE, } *friends of Lucile.*
MABEL, }

MARY, *Martin Henry's aunt; cook at the Persons'.*

FIRST GIRL.

SECOND GIRL.

FIRST GYPSY.

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HEZEKIAH HOPKINS, *fond of an argument.*

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FLORINE, *a maid.*

SYNOPSIS

ACT I.—The yard at Ferndale Farm, Cranberry Corners, on an afternoon in July. The telegram.

ACT II.—Same as Act I, about a week later. The stranger.

ACT III.—Residence of Mrs. Bannister, New York City. Three months have elapsed. In the hands of fate.

ACT IV.—Back at the farm, two weeks later. The silver lining.

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| HARRY CLIVE, <i>musician</i> | | |
| MAJOR MORANN, <i>Tom's uncle and Amethyst's guardian.</i> | | |
| WHIMPER, <i>the only butler in Kokomo.</i> | | |
| AMETHYST LAKE, <i>the heiress.</i> | | |
| NELL GRAY, <i>a true American girl.</i> | | |
| LA LOLITA, <i>a model young lady from Spain.</i> | | |
| MRS. BALLOU, <i>Amethyst's aunt, with social aspirations.</i> | | |
| THE WIDOW WOOD, <i>who could blame her?</i> | | |
| JOHN PATRICK WOOD, <i>aged fourteen.</i> | | |
| PANDORA WOOD, <i>aged thirteen.</i> | | |
| ROSELLA WOOD, <i>aged six</i> | } <i>no lines to speak.</i> | |
| BIJAH WOOD, <i>a mere splinter</i> | | |

SYNOPSIS

ACT I.—The Castle of the Three Musketeers. Off for Kokomo.

ACT II.—The lawn at Lakemont, Kokomo, Indiana. The Widow Wood.

ACT III.—Evening party at Lakemont. Cupid shoots right and left.

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MRS. COWLES, *a neighbor.*

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MRS. STRONG, *the village gossip.*

MANDY, *slave of Miss Boltwood's.*

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SYNOPSIS

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ACT II.—The same, not long after the Battle of Bunker Hill.

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SCENE.—Tetlow's home, Raeton.

TIME.—The opening night of college.

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